

HFS19

The Roman Coins

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The excavations in 2019 produced five Roman coins to add to the small number of coins recovered during previous seasons' work. All of the coins have been cleaned and this has assisted in identification. The coins have been identified and recorded following received numismatic practice and the English Heritage guidelines (Brickstock 2004).

The earliest coin is <55>, a *denarius* of Julia Domna (the wife of Septimus Severus). Its unworn state may suggest that it was lost soon after minting. The coin may be set alongside the *denarius* of Caracalla found in 2017.

The late third century, usually a period of high coin loss in Britain, is represented by <56>, an extremely worn irregular radiate. The early fourth century is represented by three coins: <49>, <54> and <71>. Interestingly, all of these are from Reece Period 16 (AD317-330). This is somewhat unusual as fourth-century coins would typically be expected in Reece Period 17 (AD330-348).

In conclusion, the number of coins is small and this limits their interpretive significance. Nevertheless, there would seem to be a pattern developing with emphasis on the Severan period and the early fourth century.

Catalogue

<49> [U/S]

Obv: [CONSTAN-TINVS AVG]

Rev: [SARMATIA DEVI]CTA, victory advancing L, treading on captive

Mint: Illegible

Obv Wear: W

Rev Wear: W

Denomination: Nummus

Diameter: 17mm

RIC: as *RIC* VII (Arles), 257

Date: AD323-324

<54> [124]

Obv: Constantinian

Rev: [BEATA TRANQVILITAS] VOT/IS/XX, altar

Mint: Illegible

Obv Wear: VW

Rev Wear: VW

Denomination: *nummus*

Diameter: 17mm

RIC: as *RIC* VII (London), 216

Date: AD321-324

<55> [80]

Obv: IVLIA AVGVSTA,

Rev: PIETAS AVGG, Pietas, veiled, standing L., dropping incense on an altar L. and holding box

Mint: Rome

Obv Wear: UW

Rev Wear: UW

Denomination: Denarius

Diameter: 18mm

RIC: *RIC* IV(i) (Julia Domna), 572

Date: AD196-211 c.AD204

<56> [123]

Obv: Illegible radiate head

Rev: Illegible

Mint: Illegible

Obv Wear: EW

Rev Wear: EW

Denomination: *Antoninianus*

Diameter: 12mm

RIC: -

Date: AD270-290

<71> [U/S] / A2 Spoil

Obv: CONST[...]

Rev: BEATA TR[ANQVILITAS] VOT/IS/XX

Mint: Illegible

Obv Wear: W

Rev Wear: W

Denomination: *nummus*

Diameter: 15mm

RIC: as *RIC* VII (London), 216

Date: AD321-324

References

Brickstock, R. 2004 *The Production, Analysis and Standardisation of Romano-British Coin Reports*. London, English Heritage.

RIC Roman Imperial Coinage